

National Council of the Union of Students in Ireland

Athlone Institute of Technology

6th-7th December 2013

Schedule

	Friday, 6th December 2013
6pm	Events & Marketing Working Group
7pm	Equality & Citizenship Working Group
8pm	Presidents' Working Group/Welfare Working Group
	Saturday, 7th December 2013
9.30am	Education Working Group
10.30am	Campaigns Working Group
11.30am	Regional Councils
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	National Council

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Meeting/Cruinniú: National Council / Comhairle Náisiúnta

Date & Time/Dáta & Am: 07/12/13 - 13:30-15:30

Location/ Áit: Athlone Institute of Technology

1. Minutes / Miontuairiscí

2. Matters Arising / Nithe ag Éirí Astu

3. Pre-nominated A.O.B. / A.G.E. réamh ainmnithe

4. Officer Reports / Tuairisc na nOifigeach

5. Presentation from Susan Donlon (Dublin Aids Alliance) on Gonorrhoea Information Campaign

6. Items for Information / Le Eolas

- a) Amárach Research Student Finances Survey
- b) 5KM Fun Run
- c) Dual Day-Long Workshop
- d) Dates for Congress Motions/Elections

7. Items for Agreement / Le Socrú

- a) USI-SIPTU Agreement
- b) Memorandum of Understanding: USI & Conradh na Gaeilge
- c) Amendment to Schedules of USI Constitution RE: Affiliation of Members Mid-Year
- d) Investigation into joining European Regional Network
- e) National Council Participation Data Collection

8. Items for Discussion / Le Bheith Pléite

- a) Minister Quinn Meeting Report
- b) Jobs.USI.ie
- c) ESU Board Meeting 65 Report
- d) USI Quarterly Financial Update
- e) Irish Language Campaign

9. A.O.B. / A.G.E.

Items for Information/ Le Eolas

Item 6A – Amárach Research Student Finance Survey

Notification to National Council for plans and timelines for the Survey on Student Finances which Amárach Research will be conducting on behalf of USI.

Submitted by: VP for Academic Affairs & Quality Assurance

For Information

Item 6B – 5KM Fun Run

Details of 5KM Fun Run for sabbatical officers being held later in the day in Athlone.

Submitted by: VP for BMW Region

For Information

Item 6C- Dual Day-Long Workshop

Notification to National Council of the hosting of a day-long dual workshop in USI HQ, the first half being a seminar on Young People: 'Challenging The Crisis', and the second being a planning session of the Value of Education Campaign as agreed at the last NC.

Submitted by: President

For Information

Item 6D- Dates for Congress Motions/Elections

Elections Committee to notify National Council on dates relevant to submitting motions to USI Congress 2014 and Officer Board Elections, and to answer any questions members of NC may have.

Submitted by: President

For Information

Items for Agreement/ Le Socrú

Item 7A – USI-SIPTU Agreement

SIPTU’s Head of Organising, Joe Cunningham, and the USI President present the terms of a renewed agreement between the two organisations for National Council’s approval.

Submitted by: President

For Agreement

Item 7B – Memorandum of Understanding: USI & Conradh na Gaeilge

National Council are asked to approve a MOU between USI and Conradh na Gaeilge, as has previously been circulated.

Submitted by: Leas-Uachtarán don Ghaeilge

For Agreement

Item 7C- Amendment to Schedules of USI Constitution RE: Affiliating Members Mid-Year

National Council are asked to approve an amendment to the schedules of the USI Constitution, as circulated previously, to facilitate the affiliation of new members mid-year.

Submitted by: President

For Agreement

Item 7D- Investigation into joining European Regional Network

Within the European Students' Union there are a number of Regional Networks or Lobby Groups. Ireland-USI is currently not a member of any such groups and would benefit greatly by sharing best practice, political support and policy developments.

National Council mandates the VP for Academic Affairs & Quality Assurance to investigate the possibility and requirements if joining such a group and to report back to the February meeting of National Council.

Submitted by: VP for Academic Affairs & Quality Assurance

For Agreement

Item 7E- National Council Participation Data Collection

National Council recognises that USI is an organisation which values diversity and equality. The diversity of our memberships is not well represented in our National Council meetings.

An initiative by SFS, the Swedish National Students' Union, has been to gather data by measuring the amount of time each gender uses at their meetings. This has been useful in gathering information and recognising trends but also to encourage underrepresented groups to participate more.

National Council mandates Officer Board to determine a suitable system to measure the speaking times of participants based on region and gender. This data should be published along with analysis and recommendations by the June National Council.

Submitted by: VP for Academic Affairs & Quality Assurance

For Agreement

Items for Discussion/ Le Bleith Pléite

Item 8A- Minister Quinn Meeting Report

The President will give an update on his recent meeting with Minister Quinn and officials in the Department of Education and Skills. The agenda for this meeting has been circulated in advance to NC.

Submitted by: President

For Discussion

Item 8B- Jobs.USI.ie

The President will present an update on the development of the Jobs.USI.ie microsite, which will include student careers advice, workers rights advice, and a graduate jobs portal. The project is powered by HAYS Recruitment and supported by the Young Workers Network.

Submitted by: President

For Discussion

Item 8C- ESU Board Meeting 65 Report

A report will be given to National Council on USI's participation at the European Student Union's Board Meeting in Zagreb, Croatia.

Submitted by: President/ VP for Academic Affairs & Quality Assurance

For Discussion

Item 8D- USI Quarterly Financial Update

The President and USI General Manager will present a report on USI’s financial position for Q1 and Q2, and detail recommendations from Finance Committee on USI’s Budgetary position.

Submitted by: President

For Discussion

Item 8E- Irish Language Campaign

The Vice-President for the Irish Language will present an update on the Irish Language Campaign this year so far, and plans going forward.

Submitted by: Leas-Uachtarán don Ghaeilge

For Discussion
